

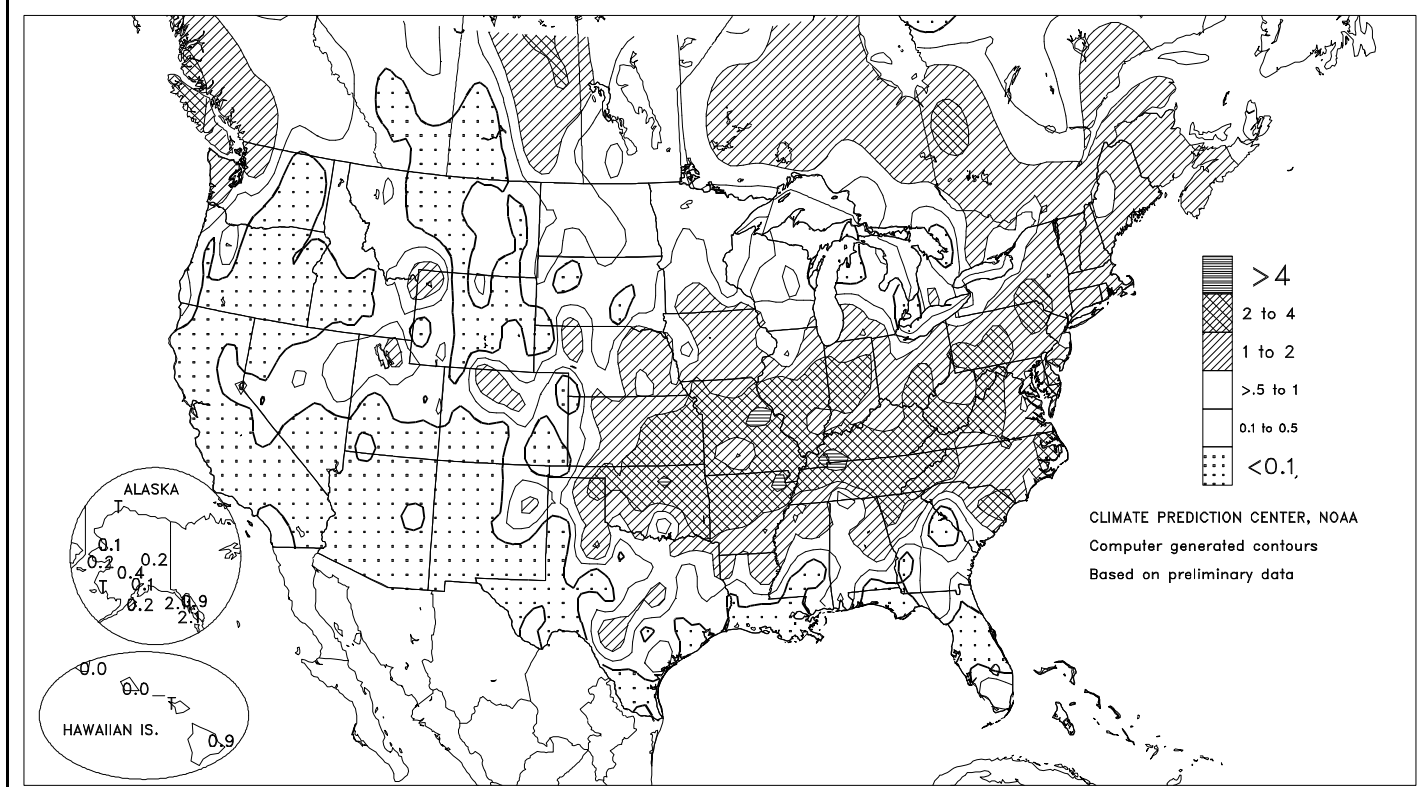
WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN

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Total Precipitation (Inches)

MAY 21 - 27, 2000



HIGHLIGHTS

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Hheavy precipitation shifted southward from last week, resulting in beneficial, soaking rains in areas from the **central Plains** to the **Mid-Atlantic region**. Much-needed rain also dampened previously dry areas of the **southwestern Corn Belt**. Widespread showers aided pastures and summer crops across the **interior Southeast**, but largely bypassed drought-stricken areas from **eastern Louisiana** to the **southern Atlantic Coast**. Very warm, favorably dry weather prevailed in **California's Central Valley**, while occasional extreme heat partially offset the beneficial effects of scattered showers across the **southern Plains**. May-record high temperatures briefly exceeded

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